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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2012
Fresno Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 3
700 M Street
Fresno, CA 93721**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board was called to order on May 2, 2012 at 10:18 am at the Fresno Convention Center, Fresno, CA.

Members Present: Dan Richard, Chairman
Lynn Schenk, Vice-Chair
Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
Jim Hartnett
Bob Balgenorth
Thomas Umberg
Russell Burns

Members Absent: Michael Rossi

Pledge of allegiance was administered by Vice-Chair Tom Richards.

Minutes prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Agenda Item # 1 – Staff Presentation on the Merced to Fresno Section Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

Public comment was taken for this item only prior to action being taken by the Board. The resolution before the Board is to rescind the resolution HSRA 11-11 revised final program EIR. The motion to adopt resolution HSRA 12-18 was made by Mr. Hartnett. Mr. Balgenorth seconded the motion. The motion passed. (5-0)

Agenda Item # 2 – Public Comment on Merced to Fresno Section Final EIR/EIS

An opportunity was made for public comment. There were a great number of people who spoke in support of the project with an emphasis on the SB/DVBE programs, jobs, and long-term benefits. There were also some people who spoke in opposition to the project with a concern over fiscal matters, the Merced to Fresno section final EIR/EIS, restricted Amtrak service and Proposition 1A requirements.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:35pm.

Agenda Item # 5 – Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation

The Board returned with nothing to report.

Agenda Item # 6 – Closed Session Related to Employment of a Chief Executive Officer

The Board returned with nothing to report.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 3:55pm.

Agenda Item # 3 – Update on Amendments to Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Ms. Fonseca presented an updated amendment to the Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. It was amended at the April 19th board meeting to include some language change. The amended program was proposed with an additional amendment to include a three percent disabled veteran business enterprise goal on all enterprise projects. The Board was also asked to consider establishing a ten percent disadvantaged business goal within the required thirty percent. The ten percent proposal would need to be approved by the railroad Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Board requested that Ms. Fonseca return to the next board meeting with suggestions on the disparity study timing and the ten percent DVBE race neutral goal. No action was taken on this item at this meeting.

Agenda Item # 4 – Operations Committee PMO Report

Mr. Van Winkle gave a quarterly report on the PMT progress and RFQ procurement process. Meetings are scheduled to take place with the design-build teams to make sure they are fully informed and address any issues. A first addendum has been issued for the contract to address and clarify administrative information. Preliminary right-of-way work and notification processes have begun. We will need funding to continue that process. The environmental process is moving ahead on schedule with the Merced to Fresno section up for vote at this meeting. The next step will be to complete the Fresno to Bakersfield documents which are already in progress. Program-wide planning will be given the emphasis of incorporating the blended systems outlined in the new business plan. The annual work plan will also have to be adjusted to meet the new business plan requirements. No action was taken on this item.

Mr. Ashley gave a report on the PMO and the auditing and monitoring of the PMT's activities including environmental and engineering management, monthly reports and invoices. Ongoing reviews have been conducted on deliverables, a construction management consultant, the RFQ/RFP risks, and cost estimating. Key issues of concern are the agreements with the railroads, right-of-way, environmental reviews, and the need for Authority staffing. No action was taken on this item.

Chairman Richard adjourned the meeting at 5:18pm.